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Keep on teaching on Coursera, once you see it as evil

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This story has many steps. I am a professor at an institution partnered with Coursera.

- 1) I am interested in MOOCs
- 2) I google for Coursera contracts
- 3) I read them and dislike what I see (student privacy, intellectual property, academic freedom,...)
- 4) I realise very few professors actually read these contracts
- 5) I perform utilitarian calculus and decide it is still best to teach on the platform, precisely about those issues, in a reasoned fashion
- 6) I progressively realise the situation is even worse than I thought, while the course is running
- 7) A Facebook experiment manipulating user emotions via the friends feed makes news
- 8) I realise the Coursera contracts have the exact same drawback, to the extent that I don't want to teach on the platform anymore

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Chris Stigall · 6 days ago

I would like to hear more about the ethical dilemmas that college students face. I don't want to assume the

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Paul-Olivier D

When you take a course, it gets very difficult

Student privacy is a big issue. Degree information is quite unclear, the

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Anonymous · 6 days ago

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Rocío Noriega Pinner ·

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Paul-Olivier D

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James Marshall · 6 day

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Paul-Olivier D

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Paul-Olivier Dehaye (st

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Claude Almans · 5

Thank you for your clarification
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Anonymous ·

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Paul-Olivier D



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Lori A Decker · 5 d

Professor Dehaye, I hadn

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Paul-Olivier D

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Anonymous ·

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 Lori A De

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Paul-Olivier D

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 Claude A

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III A Brief History of Humankind

III Advanced Competitive Strategy

III Advanced Engineering Systems in Motion: Dynamics of Three Dimensional (3D) Motion

III Age of Jefferson

III Algorithms, Part I

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III Analytic Combinatorics

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Michael Nirmalan

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Paul-Olivier D

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Michael Nirmalan

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Paul-Olivier D

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Anonymous ·

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Paul-Olivier D

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 Michael

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Paul-Olivier D

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 Michael

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Paul-Olivier D

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 Ruchira

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Paul-Olivier D

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Paul-Olivier D

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Michael Nirmalan

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Paul-Olivier D

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Paul-Olivier D

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Anonymous · 2 days ago

@ Michael Nirmalan Anand

"The question of using education needs to be addressed."

On retrospect this may not be the best time, but there has always been the potential for change. **Dehaye (student)** seems to be start challenging the opprobrious herd behaviors like that of evolution.

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 Lisa Rep

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Paul-Olivier D

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 Ruchira

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Paul-Olivier D

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Kathryn Wyar

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 Ruchira

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Guido Palazzo INSTRUCTOR

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Ruchira Kitsiri · a student

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